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In re application of:

John I. Shipp

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 Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

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	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	34	-	34	**	0	LG=\$52 SM=\$28	\$52
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	2	-	3	***	0	LG=\$220 SM=\$110	\$220
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$390 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$195	\$0
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